

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented) Retroreflective sheeting comprising a retroreflective base having a light-incident layer on the light-incident side thereof and a fluorine-containing resin film having a total light transmittance of 80% or more which is laminated on said light-incident layer on contact with an adhesive layer, wherein a printed layer made of discontinuous and individual printed parts is provided between said fluorine-containing resin film and said adhesive layer,

the discontinuous and printed parts being isolated from one another, a maximum printed length of each part being 10 mm or smaller, an interval of isolation between each part and an adjacent part being at least 1 mm at the narrowest.

2. (original) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 1, wherein said printed layer is formed of a printing ink composition comprising at least one

binder resin selected from the group consisting of fluorine-containing resins, acrylic resins, polyester resins, urethane resins, and vinyl chloride resins.

3. (previously presented) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 1, wherein said printed layer is a layer of a repetitive pattern made up of individual printed parts of a same design which are isolated from one another.

4. (previously presented) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 3, wherein the maximum printed length of said individual printed parts is each 10 mm.

5. (previously presented) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 3, wherein the interval of said printed parts is 1 mm at the narrowest.

6. (previously presented) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 1, wherein the total area of said printed layer is 80% or less based on the entire area of said light-incident layer.

7. (original) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 1, wherein said fluorine-resin containing film has its side to be in contact with said printed layer treated by a surface treatment so as to have a surface tension of 31 dyne/cm or more.

8. (original) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 7, wherein said surface treatment is a corona discharge treatment.

9. (original) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 1, wherein said fluorine-containing resin film has a total light transmittance of 85% or more.

10. (original) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 1, wherein said fluorine-containing resin film comprises tetrafluoroethylene-ethylene copolymers or polyvinylidene fluoride.

11. (original) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 10, wherein said tetrafluoroethylene-ethylene copolymers have a tetrafluoroethylene unit content of 15 to 85% by weight.

12. (original) The retroreflective sheeting according to claim 1, wherein said adhesive layer comprises a pressure-sensitive adhesive.

13. (previously presented) A retroreflective sheet, comprising:

a retroreflective base provided with a surface layer on a light-incident side;

an adhesive layer provided on and in contact with the light-incident side of the retroreflective base;

a printed layer of discontinuous and individual printed parts provided on and in contact with the adhesive layer; and

a fluorine-containing resin film having a total light transmittance of at least 80% provided on said adhesive layer and on said printed layer, the resin film contacting the printed layer and contacting the adhesive layer in areas apart from the printed layer,

the discontinuous and printed parts being isolated from one another, a maximum printed length of each part being 10 mm or smaller, an interval of isolation between each part and an adjacent part being at least 1 mm at the narrowest.

14. (previously presented) The sheeting of claim 13, wherein the base comprises:

a releasing layer;
a base adhesive layer contacting the releasing layer;
a reflective layer provided on the base adhesive layer; and
a prism layer contacting the reflective layer,
the surface layer contacting the prism layer.

15. (previously presented) The sheeting of claim 13, wherein the base comprises:

a releasing layer;
a base adhesive layer contacting the releasing layer;
a support layer contacting the base adhesive layer;
a binder layer contacting the support layer;
beads embedding in the binder layer; and
a beads fixing layer covering the beads,
the surface layer contacting the beads fixing layer.

16. (previously presented) The sheeting of claim 13, wherein a side of the fluorine-containing film in contact with said printed layer has a surface tension of at least 31 dynes/cm.

17. (previously presented) The sheeting of claim 13, wherein,

the adhesive layer is a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer; and

the printed layer comprises plural independent printed parts arranged in a repetitive pattern, each of the printed parts being separated from the other printed parts, and each one of the printed parts is a geometric duplicate of other ones of the printed parts.

18. (canceled)

19. (previously presented) The sheeting of claim 17, wherein the maximum dimension of the independent printed parts is 10 mm.

20. (currently amended) The sheeting of claim 13, [[19,]] wherein the independent printed parts are arranged with a separation interval of 1 mm.